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**To:** Local Registrars  
**From:** Vincent Arrisi, State Registrar  
**Date:** 10/18/2013  
**Subject:** Same-Sex Marriage

Pursuant to a recent court decision, same-sex couples must be afforded the opportunity to enter into marriage in this State. In order to comply with the court ruling, local registrars should begin accepting marriage license applications from same-sex couples immediately. When processing marriage applications, local registrars must ensure that same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples are treated equally. As such, same-sex couples must follow the same procedures and satisfy the same requirements that are imposed upon opposite-sex couples seeking to enter into civil marriage, including the 72-hour statutory waiting period for the issuance of a marriage license.